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Subject: RE: ACTION: MEDIA REQUEST ON WY REGIONAL HAZE-- "Stop EPA WY" launched throughout Wyoming

Thanks for looping us in. It's a really good statement, Rich. I agree that it's the best bet.

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 4:53 PM
To: Daly, Carl; Drinkard, Andrea; Millett, John; Fallon, Gail; Jones, Enesta
Subject: ACTION: MEDIA REQUEST ON WY REGIONAL HAZE-- "Stop EPA WY" launched throughout Wyoming

Media request from AP on Wyoming regional haze, deadline today. Best response may be to refer to the proposed plan, indicate that we are in the midst of a public comment period, and share the desk statement. Will defer to others if there are other suggestions. Please advise soon. Looking to send this by 4pm MST. Thanks!

Desk Statement

EPA is proposing to approve a significant portion the State of Wyoming's regional haze plan. EPA is also proposing a federal plan for the remaining portions to ensure Clean Air Act requirements are met. These plans will result in a reduction of harmful nitrogen oxides (NOx), which have been associated with asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory illnesses, by an estimated 77,153 tons per year. This action will also improve visibility, and protect natural resources and recreation-based economies, in some of the nation's most treasured national parks and wilderness areas.

As it has done with states across the country, EPA has worked, and will continue to work, with Wyoming to put in place a plan that relies on proven, cost-effective technologies to cut harmful pollution that reduces visibility. EPA is accepting comments on its proposed action through August 26. The agency held a public hearing in Cheyenne on June 24 and will hold additional hearings on July 17 (Cheyenne) and July 26 (Casper). EPA will consider all public comments and information received, including additional options for control technologies and timing, before issuing a final action.

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Subject: FW: NEWS RELEASE: "Stop EPA WY" launched throughout Wyoming

Rich,

May I please get a comment on this? To what extent would the latest EPA regional haze proposal for Wyoming help clear the air in national parks and wilderness areas, especially those in Wyoming? To what extent will the EPA take public comments into consideration during any revisions to what's planned?

Thanks,

Mead

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A federal plan could potentially impact consumers' power bills

“Stop EPA WY” launched throughout Wyoming

A coalition of organizations committed to keeping electricity rates reasonable for consumers through the viability of coal has launched a campaign throughout the state of Wyoming to inform residents of the potential impacts of a proposed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) takeover of the state's clean air program.

Wyoming for Affordable Power is made up of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, the Missouri Basin Power Project, PacifiCorp, Rocky Mountain Power and Wyoming Rural Electric Association. The group has launched “Stop EPA WY,” that includes statewide print, television and digital ads directing people to www.stopEPAWY.com. The website allows people to easily submit comments, asking EPA to acknowledge and respect Wyoming's authority and discretion

to make its own decisions regarding its clean air programs.

At issue is the State of Wyoming's compliance with the regional haze rules of the Clean Air Act. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality previously submitted a plan to the EPA addressing regional haze, which focuses on reduction in nitrogen oxide (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and particulate matter levels from Wyoming power plants.

The EPA, however, disapproved the State's plan for addressing NO_x and particulate matter and has proposed a federal plan that requires additional expensive emission control technology at utilities throughout Wyoming. The Missouri Basin Power Project's Laramie River Station, along with PacifiCorp's Dave Johnston, Jim Bridger, Naughton and Wyodak units are directly impacted by this proposed rule.

According to a statement from Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead's office read during a June 24 public hearing held by EPA in Cheyenne, "The total capital cost will be more than \$1 billion. ... This is greatly more expensive than the State's plan, even though EPA's rule delivers no meaningful improvements to air visibility."

In fact, according to the Wyoming DEQ, the federal requirements proposed by EPA would result in insignificant visibility differences.

Written comments must be received by the EPA on or before Aug. 26, 2013. Comments can be submitted online at www.regulations.gov, docket number EPA-R08-OAR-2012-0026, via email at r8airrulemakings@epa.gov, via fax at 303-312-6064 or by mail at:

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